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Dear Members of the Court:

I am writing in favor of proposed CrR 4.11. I am a public defender in King County. Recording interviews is more fair to the accused and witnesses. Recorded interviews also benefit judicial economy at trial and allow trials to focus on the real issues in the case and not sidetrack into a swearing contest about the accuracy of interviews. Recorded interviews more accurately reflect tone and nuances of language. They ensure that witnesses are accurately recorded in what they are saying and not taken out of context. Recorded statements and transcripts make trials more efficient and clear. Attorneys can use recordings and transcripts at trial instead of having to call additional impeachment witnesses. Concerns about witness privacy is misplaced. Witnesses are either recorded or transcribed by court reporters at trial in order to have a fair and accurate record. Similarly, recording interviews creates a fair and accurate record of the interview.

Thank you.

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